


Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 12 to 17 directed to a **connector**. Applicants traverse concerns the finding that each of the independent claims of each of Groups I to IV is separately useable. This is not necessarily the case. For example, the cap of Claim 1 is usable with the connector of Claim 12. Also, the method of Claim 18 is useable with the method of Claim 27.

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